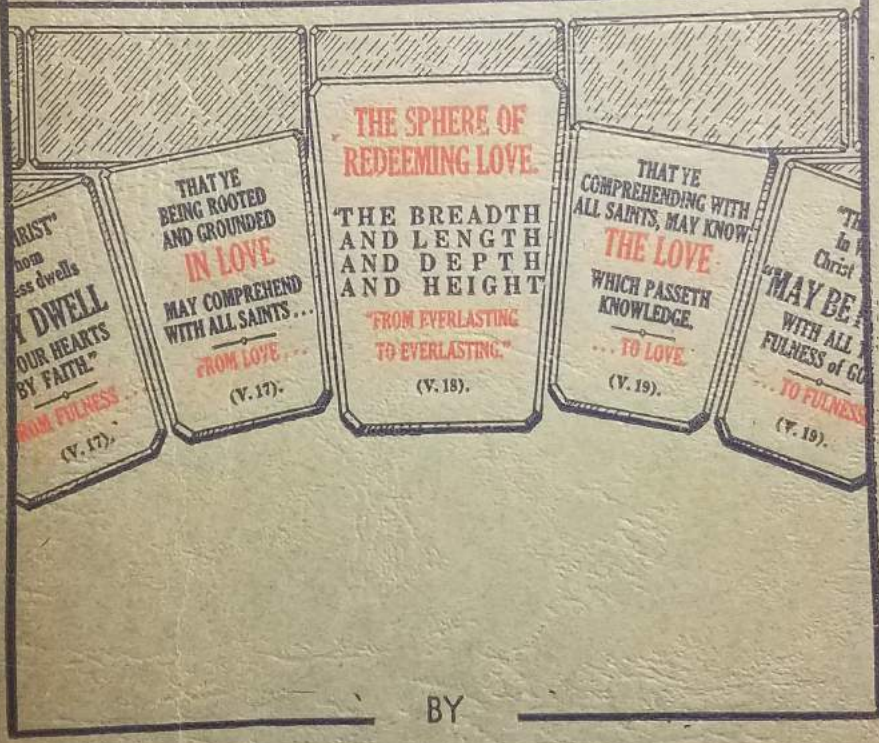
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FOREWORD

By

Mrs. Howard Taylor

WHEN my brother, Paul Guinness, came from New Zealand a few months ago to study in the Evangelical Theological College of Dallas, we had the happiness of meeting him in this beautiful Southern city, our work in the China Inland Mission having called us to spend the winter in Texas. Here, after years of separation, our hearts were more than ever united in the things of God, and before long we were immersed in the manuscript of a book on Ephesians which was engrossing my brother's thoughts.

It was no little surprise to find that one so young, only twenty-two when he came from New Zealand, had been led into studies so comprehensive and illuminating in this sacred epistle. One could only wonder at the grace of God Who had called him literally from the plough—for he had gone to New Zealand to take up farming—and Who had been pleased "to reveal His Son" to him and through him. Truly He is still the God Who loves to use "the weak

things of the world" and even "the things that are not" in working out His own great purposes.

These are the studies which are now, at the request of many, made available in printed form. They are offered in the full consciousness of their incompleteness, but with the earnest prayer that they may be as helpful to others as they have been to ourselves. The outlines can, of course, convey but little of the rich spiritual feast the hours of thought and prayer have brought. But the Holy Spirit Himself is the Teacher ever ready to open the treasures of His own Word. Oh, that He, through a deeper study of this epistle, may enable us to live daily in the fulness that is ours in Christ.

"The life of faith" as the late, beloved Bishop of Durham expressed it, "is *the life that uses the Lord*." Since He so wonderfully puts Himself in all His "unsearchable riches," at the disposal of the weakest, humblest of His children, shall we not say with thankfulness, "My thirsty days are all past?" A weary, disappointed world needs the testimony of lives satisfied in Christ and overflowing with His blessing. Not for ourselves only, but for others, may we indeed be filled, day by day, with the very fulness of God.

"Less cannot satisfy;
More you cannot have."

Dallas, May, 1931.

The Wonders

— of —

Divine Architecture

INTRODUCTORY

IT WAS without the least intention of looking for any particular structure that the writer approached the study of the Epistle to the Ephesians; it was, however, with an earnest desire to *find*, if possible, the actual divisions of the Epistle, rather than to *form* an arbitrary analysis. Keeping this prayerfully in view, one discovery after another led to the conviction that each of the six chapters of the Epistle contains two paragraphs, which, in their turn, are built on a sevenfold structure, the thoughts in the first half of any one paragraph being reproduced in the second half in a different manner and in the reverse order. These related thoughts, which frequently reveal a connection such as cause and effect or a contrast, were seen to be linked together by the central outstanding verse of the paragraph—the "Key-verse", or "Keystone", which the others support and with which they stand or fall.

Thus the conviction grew that these paragraphs are not merely written but are built according to a design perfect in its structure, like that of a bridge, every stone in the arch of which has its counterpart, with the keystone in the centre. It is therefore not a case of choosing some "Key-verse" as summing up the paragraph, but of finding *the keystone*, the heart of the subject there dealt with.

One has long been familiar with the fact that Revelation as a whole is centered in a Person; *that Christ is the Keystone of Scripture;* but it was of thrilling interest to discover this same truth demonstrated on a smaller scale in the Epistle to the Ephesians by the very structure of the paragraphs themselves. When we approach these paragraphs we are overwhelmed by the wealth of spiritual truth they contain. The mind is baffled in its attempt to follow the unfolding lines of thought—how to take and hold so much is our problem; how to comprehend these deep, often involved, passages and make them live for others. Then it is we hail with thankfulness the light which shines from the actual structure of the paragraphs themselves. For once we find Christ occupying the central position in each section, as the "Keystone" of the arch, all else is brought into adjustment by its harmonious relationship with Himself.

The Christo-centric character of this epistle and of Scripture as a whole has its counterpart in Nature, and is fully in harmony with the Law of Centralization governing such widely contrasted realms as those of chemistry and astronomy.

This principle, though not always evident upon the surface, is one of the deepest laws of creation, extending from the realm of the "infinitely" small—the molecule, the atom, the electron—to the realm of the "infinitely" great, the movement of heavenly bodies round their centres of gravity. It was therefore with no little amazement that the writer found the structure underlying the Periodic Law of Chemistry —an outstanding instance of the principle in question—to be identical with the structure already traced in Ephesians. This remarkable fact challenges consideration, for does it not indicate that the Law of Centralization, so dominant in Nature, pervades also the realm of the spiritual, in Scripture, affording fresh evidence of the harmony existing between the Works and the Word of God?

The Epistle to the Ephesians, though but a small part of Scripture, is recognized to be outstanding in its importance. It is like a Holy of

Holies in the Temple of Revelation; it is an inner shrine lit up with the Shekinah of the Divine Presence. How striking therefore that the structure of this, possibly the deepest portion of God's Word, is found to be identical with the structure underlying one of the greatest of His laws in Nature!

We must remember, however, that both in Nature and Scripture a great variety of structure is to be found. But the fact that the structure of the Periodic Law and of the Epistle to the Ephesians is *sevenfold in its character* gives it a special importance—a structure extending to every snow-flake and many other crystals as well as to many flowers. Space permits us to include only a few of the illustrations of this structure, which we have found in the Pentateuch, the Psalms, the Prophets, the Gospels, the Epistles, and the Apocalypse. For though not apparent throughout the whole Bible, it is by no means confined to Ephesians alone.

Much depends, however, on the spirit in which we approach such a study. Surely it should not be in an attitude of mental interest merely, but one of heart devotion, seeking to look beyond the design to the Designer, beyond the creation to the Creator. We need to approach such a meditation with the supreme purpose of gaining a fuller conception of His infinite mind and boundless heart of love.

Oh, that we may hear His voice in the sacred words of Scripture, see His hand in the silent wonders of Nature—in the majesty of the heavens, the symmetry of the crystal, and the beauty of the flower!

"In the stillness of the woods
Is He there?
When a haze of glory floods
All the air,
And the mellow sun rays say
Nature keeps her Sabbath day,
Come to prayer.

"In the silence of the heart
Is He there?
Does He call the soul apart
All to share
In the rest of love Divine,
Saying, all that should be thine
Seek in prayer."

—P. G. G.

Preface to the Second Edition

The fact that the first edition of these Ephesian studies has been exhausted within five months of its issue is cause for thanksgiving to God, and the more so as this is due to a recent order for two hundred copies from the Moody Bible Institute Colportage Association.

The Introduction and the following studies will form part of a book which we hope to publish, God willing, under the title:

"Keystones of Nature and Scripture"

The first part will contain diagrams familiar to all students of chemistry, giving a simple presentation of the Periodic Law. The second part will apply the same principles to the study of Scripture in an exposition of Ephesians, using exactly similar diagrams. We trust that fresh light may thus be focused upon its wonderful message by the application of the discovery of its septiform structure.

The resetting of the present edition has afforded opportunity for rearranging and simplifying a number of the pages as well as incorporating two more notable illustrations of the heptadic structure of Scripture, one from the Old Testament and one from the New. These studies are available not only in booklet form but also in fourteen separate folders (convenient for Bible Class work) in two colours on art paper, with the Introduction as a leaflet. Owing to the intricate work involved in the printing of these studies, the original price was one dollar each set, whether bound or unbound. Now, through the generosity of a New Zealand friend we are able to offer the individual folders at five cents instead of ten, the series of fourteen folders at sixty cents, and the bound booklet at seventy-five cents a copy.*

In answer to a number of enquiries from those wishing to present these studies in connection with their Bible Class work the following word of explanation is given. It was the author's privilege to give these messages last summer at the Canadian Keswick Conference with the aid of a large chart. This chart in the form of the arch of a bridge, similar to the diagrams given in the booklet, but without any wording, served as a helpful background for the whole series of messages. Seven large cards were prepared for each paragraph, in the shape of the "stones" of the arch, upon which were printed the key-words of the successive verses as they appear in the accompanying diagrams. As the message progressed these cards were attached to the outline chart in the following order: 1 A then 7 *A*; 2 B then 6 *B*; 3 C then 5*C*; and finally the "keystone": 4 D. Some may choose to adopt a similar method on a smaller scale with the aid of a blackboard.

It is encouraging to learn of the appreciation of a minister who is taking up these studies with his congregation, of one of the largest Bible Institutes whose senior students are using them as a recommended reference, and of one of the branches of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship in which they are the subject for this winter's course of Bible study.

That the blessing of God may enrich all who are making use of these studies —turning the water into wine—is the earnest prayer of

Dallas, December, 1931. THE AUTHOR.

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PART ONE

The

Structure of Scripture

• as seen in •

The Old and New Testament

NEW TESTAMENT ILLUSTRATIONS

1. From One of the Epistles.
2. From One of the Gospels.

OLD TESTAMENT ILLUSTRATIONS

1. From the Book of Joshua.
2. From the Book of Psalms.

HATH GOD SPOKEN?

The Need of a Revelation from God.

"Philosophy, what does it teach us but that man knows nothing of things as they really are? This is its great discovery. It lights its taper, and lifting it up reveals—an immeasurable sphere of darkness! It sounds with its sagacious plumb-line—the depth of human ignorance! It places us with painful effort on a proud eminence in the midst of things, from which it points us to—"rivers flowing from unknown sources to unknown seas!" In vain do we ask from it the What, the Whence, the Whither! Its oracles are dumb; and when, in despair of Truth, Consolation, Holiness, Life, we turn away from the baffled intelligence of MAN to the majestic presence of NATURE, when we stretch forth our hands amid the circling solitude of the measureless Universe, and cry, *Who shall deliver us?* Nature's only answer, if answer it be, is the silence of the eternal stars above us, and beneath us, the voiceless silence of the grave."

(From "Creation Centred in Christ". H. Grattan Guinness, p. 23.)

"GOD . . . HATH . . . SPOKEN!"

The Fact of a Revelation from God.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers *by the prophets,* hath in these last days spoken unto us *by His Son,* whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word *spoken by angels* was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be *spoken by the Lord?*" "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh."

(From Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:1-3; and 12:25.)

Receive His Word! (I Thess. 1:6)
Hear His Word! (John 5:24)
Obey His Word! (Joshua 1:7-8)

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God's Word Received

"The Sword of the Spirit"

1 Thessalonians 1

The Scripture

I Thessalonians Ch. 1:1-10

Verses

Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1

A. *We* give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; *remembering* without ceasing *your* WORK OF FAITH (Faith in the Crucified One), and LABOUR OF LOVE (Love to the Risen One), and PATIENCE of HOPE (Hope in the Coming One) in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. 2-4

B. *For* our gospel CAME not UNTO YOU in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. 5

C. And YE BECAME FOLLOWERS of us, and of the Lord, 6

D. HAVING RECEIVED THE WORD in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit: **6**

C. So that YE BECAME (Greek) EXAMPLES to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. 7

B. *For* FROM YOU SOUNDED OUT the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything. 8

A. For *they* themselves show (Greek *relate*) of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and *how ye* TURNED (IN FAITH) to God from idols TO SERVE (BY LOVE) the living and true God; and TO WAIT (IN HOPE) for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. 9-10

• "The Word of God is living, and powerful,

THE EFFECTUAL WORKING OF THE WORD OF GOD.

1. A. REMEMBERING YOUR– WORK of FAITH LABOUR of LOVE PATIENCE of HOPE (V. 3-4).
2. B. FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME UNTO YOU (V. 5).
3. C. "AND YE BECAME FOLLOWERS OF US, AND OF THE LORD." (V. 6).
4. D. "HAVING WELCOMED THE WORD . . . not as THE WORD OF MEN but as . . . in truth THE WORD OF GOD." (Ch. 1:6 and 2:13).
5. C. "SO THAT YE BECAME EXAMPLES TO ALL THAT BELIEVE." (V. 7).
6. B. FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD SOUNDED OUT FROM YOU (V. 8).
7. A. RELATING HOW YE– TURNED–IN FAITH SERVE–BY LOVE WAIT–IN HOPE (V. 9-10).

GOD'S WORD RECEIVED–
"THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT."
(1 Thess. Ch. 1).

A Further Illustration from the New Testament of the

Structure of Scripture

• Is Seen in John 5:19-30 •

Christ's Supreme Claim

"Making Himself Equal with God"—John 5:17

His Right to Quicken based upon His Relationship
"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (on the Sabbath)

The Subject is Introduced and Illustrated in Verses 1-18
The Subject is Applied and Concluded in Verses 31-47

			Verses:
1.	A.	THE WORKS OF THE FATHER WROUGHT BY THE SON. "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, *The Son can* DO NOTHING *of Himself,* but what He *seeth* the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise."	19
2.	B.	THE SON'S GREATER WORKS PREDICTED. "For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth Him all things that Himself doeth: and He will shew Him greater works than these, THAT YE MAY MARVEL."	20
3.	C.	ALL JUDGMENT COMMITTED TO THE SON. "For AS the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even SO the Son quickeneth whom He will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all JUDGMENT unto the Son; that all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son, honoureth not the Father which hath sent Him."	21-23
4.		**D. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."**	24
5.	C.	ALL JUDGMENT EXECUTED BY THE SON. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For AS the Father hath life in Himself; SO hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself; and hath given Him authority to execute JUDGMENT also, because He is the Son of man."	25-27
6.	B.	THE SON'S GREATER WORKS DEPICTED. "MARVEL NOT AT THIS: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."	28-29
7.	A.	THE WILL OF THE FATHER WROUGHT BY THE SON. "*I can of mine own self* DO NOTHING: as I *hear,* I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me."	30

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God's Word Obeyed

The Secret of Success

Joshua 1

The Scripture

Joshua Ch. 1:1-18.

Verses

A. Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto THE LAND WHICH I DO GIVE TO THEM, even to the children of Israel. 1-2

B. EVERY PLACE THAT THE SOLE OF YOUR FOOT SHALL TREAD UPON, THAT HAVE I GIVEN UNTO YOU, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. 3-4

C. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I WILL BE WITH THEE: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. 5-6

D. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the Law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 7-8

THIS BOOK of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

C. Have not I commanded thee? BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord THY GOD IS WITH THEE whithersoever thou goest. 9

B. Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan to go in to POSSESS THE LAND, WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD GIVETH YOU TO POSSESS IT. 10-11

A. And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying . . . Pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them; until the Lord have given your brethren rest, as He hath given you, and they also have possessed THE LAND WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD GIVETH THEM . . . 12-15

The Response

All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go.
Only the Lord thy God be with thee . . .
only be strong and of a good courage. 16-18

• "O how love I Thy Law! It is my meditation all the day"

The Structure

A Further Illustration from the Old Testament of the

Structure of Scripture

● is seen in Psalm 67 ●

The Great Missionary Psalm

Verses

1. A. God be merciful unto us, and BLESS US; and cause His face to shine upon us; Selah. 1

2. B. *That Thy way may be known upon* THE EARTH, Thy saving health among all nations. 2

3. C. Let the people PRAISE THEE, O God; let all the people praise Thee. 3

4. **D. O let THE NATIONS be glad, and sing for joy; for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern THE NATIONS upon earth. Selah.** 4

5. C. Let the people PRAISE THEE, O God; let all the people praise Thee. 5

6. B. *Then shall* THE EARTH *yield her increase;* and God, even our own God, shall bless us. 6

7. A. God shall BLESS US; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. 7

PART TWO

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• as seen in •

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as seen in

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Praise

For the Blessings of Redemption In View of Our Position "In Christ"

Ephesians 1:1-14*

I.	*	PRAISE FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION	Ch. 1: 1-14
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XII.		THE WARFARE IN THE HEAVENLIES	" 6:10-24

The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 1:3-14.

Verses

A. Blessed be the God and *Father* of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as He hath chosen us in Him (CHOSEN IN CHRIST) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: 3-6
Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children (ADOPTED IN CHRIST) by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, *to the praise* of the glory *of His grace,*

B. Wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved (FAVOURED IN CHRIST): in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to *the riches of His grace;* 6-7

C. Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us *the mystery of His will,* according to His good pleasure which He hath *purposed* in Himself: 8-9

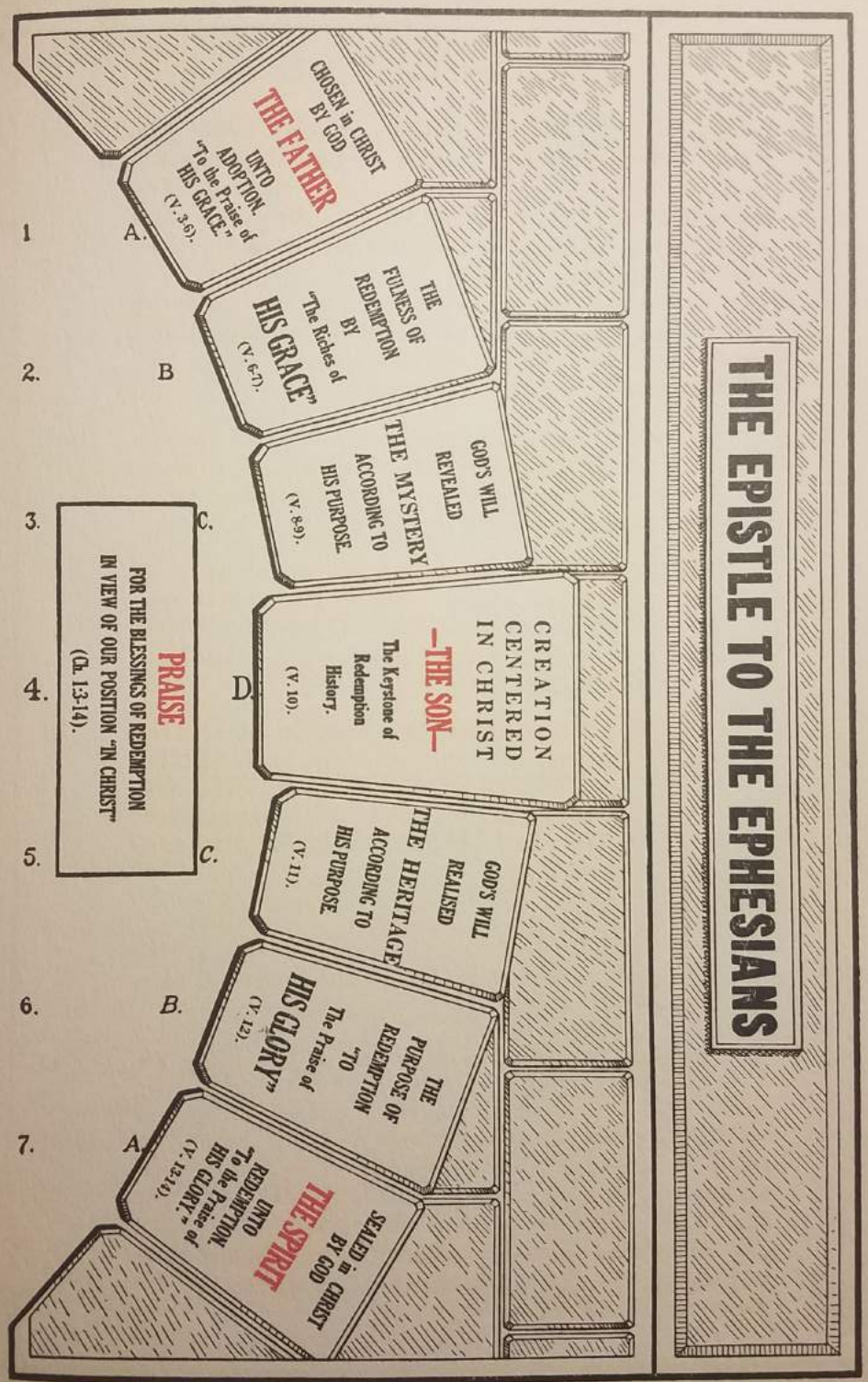
D. That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: 10

C. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the *purpose* of Him who worketh all things after *the counsel of His* own *will:* 11

B. That we should be to *the praise of His glory,* who first TRUSTED IN CHRIST. 12

A. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed (SEALED IN CHRIST) with that *Holy Spirit* of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession (PERFECT IN CHRIST) (Col. 1:28), *unto the praise of His glory.* 13-14

The Structure



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KEYSTONES of SCRIPTURE

as seen in

The Epistle to the Ephesians

(II)

Prayer

For the Subjects of Redemption In View of Our Possessions "In Christ"

Ephesians 1:15-23*

I.		PRAISE FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION	Ch. 1: 1-14
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The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 1:15-23.

Verses

A. Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints (THE SAVIOUR and THE SAINTS), cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 15-16

B. That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of WISDOM AND REVELATION in the knowledge of Him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; 17-18

C. *That ye may know * what is the* HOPE OF HIS CALLING, 18

D. And what the riches of THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE in the saints, 18

C. *And what is the exceeding* GREATNESS OF HIS POWER to us-ward who believe, 19

B. According to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, FAR ABOVE ALL principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 19-21

A. And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church (THE HEAD and THE BODY), which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all. 22-23

*This prayer links together the first half of Ch. 1 with the opening paragraph of Ch. 2. For it is the Father who calls us from the "world;" the Son who delivers us from "The Prince of the Power of the air;" and the Spirit who overcomes "the lusts of the flesh." Compare:—

Ch. 1:3-14	Ch. 1:18-19	Ch. 2:1-3
The Father	"His Calling"	"The World"
The Son	"His Inheritance"	"The Prince"
The Spirit	"His Power"	"The Flesh"

God has invested the riches of His

THE EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

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A.	B.	C.	D.	C.	B.	A.
RELATIONSHIP. THE SAVIOUR AND THE SAINTS. BASIS OF THE PRAYER. (V. 15-16).	The FATHER OF GLORY ENLIGHTENING THE SAINTS — REVELATION. (V. 17-18).	TO KNOW THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING. — Contrast "The Course of THIS WORLD." (V. 18).	TO KNOW "THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS." — Contrast The Subjects of "THE PRINCE." (V. 18).	TO KNOW THE GREATNESS OF HIS POWER. — Contrast "The Lusts of THE FLESH." (V. 19).	The FATHER OF GLORY EXALTING THE SON — RESURRECTION. (V. 19-21).	RELATIONSHIP. THE HEAD AND THE BODY. CLIMAX OF THE PRAYER. (V. 22-23).

PRAYER
FOR THE SUBJECTS OF REDEMPTION
IN VIEW OF OUR POSSESSIONS "IN CHRIST".
(Ch. 1:15-23).

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KEYSTONES of SCRIPTURE

as seen in

The Epistle to the Ephesians

(III)

Regeneration

Jew and Gentile Created "In Christ"

Ephesians 2:1-10*

I.		PRAISE FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION	Ch. 1: 1-14
II.		PRAYER FOR THE SUBJECTS OF REDEMPTION	" 1:15-23
III.	*	REGENERATION . . "IN CHRIST"	" 2: 1-10
IV.		RECONCILIATION . . "IN CHRIST"	" 2:11-22
V.		"FOR THIS CAUSE" . . I PREACH	" 3: 1-13
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IX.		THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK—IN LIGHT	" 5: 1-21
X.		THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK—IN LOVE	" 5:22-33
XI.		THE WALK IN THE WORLD	" 6: 1-11
XII.		THE WARFARE IN THE HEAVENLIES	" 6:10-24

The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 2:1-10.

Verses

And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins:

A. Wherein in time past YE (Gentiles) walked according to the course of this world, according to the Prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 1-3

Among whom also WE (Jews and Gentiles) all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

B. But God, who is RICH in MERCY, for His great love wherewith He loved us, 4

C. Even when we were dead in sins, HATH QUICKENED US TOGETHER WITH CHRIST, 5

D. By GRACE ARE YE SAVED— 5

C. AND HATH RAISED US UP TOGETHER, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 6

B. That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding RICHES of His GRACE in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 7

A. For by grace are YE (Gentiles) saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. 8-10

For WE (Jews and Gentiles) are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

• Time manifests the riches of God's Mercy:

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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
A. "YE" "WE" WERE DEAD IN WICKED WORKS AS CHILDREN of WRATH (V. 1-3).	B. RICHES of GOD'S MERCY "HIS GREAT LOVE" EVEN WHEN WE WERE OUT OF CHRIST. (V. 4-5).	C. QUICKENED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST FROM DEPTHS OF SIN. (V. 5).	D. "THE GIFT OF GOD" SALVATION ALL of GRACE "THROUGH FAITH." "NOT OF WORKS." (V. 5).	C. RAISED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST TO HEIGHTS OF GLORY. (V. 6).	B. RICHES of GOD'S GRACE HIS LOVING KINDNESS THROUGHOUT ALL AGES. IN CHRIST JESUS (V. 7).	A. "YE" "WE" ARE ALIVE UNTO GOOD WORKS AS CHILDREN of GOD (V. 8-10).

REGENERATION.
JEW AND GENTILE CREATED
"IN CHRIST"
(Ch. 2:1-10).

NOTES

KEYSTONES of SCRIPTURE

as seen in

The Epistle to the Ephesians

(IV)

Reconciliation

Jew and Gentile United "In Christ"

Ephesians 2:11-22*

I.		PRAISE FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION	Ch. 1: 1-14
II.		PRAYER FOR THE SUBJECTS OF REDEMPTION	" 1:15-23
III.		REGENERATION . . "IN CHRIST"	" 2: 1-10
IV.	*	RECONCILIATION . . "IN CHRIST"	" 2:11-22
V.		"FOR THIS CAUSE" . . I PREACH	" 3: 1-13
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VII.		GROWING INTO "A PERFECT MAN"	" 4: 1-16
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IX.		THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK—IN LIGHT	" 5: 1-21
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XI.		THE WALK IN THE WORLD	" 6: 1-11
XII.		THE WARFARE IN THE HEAVENLIES	" 6:10-24

The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 2:11-22.

Verses

A. Wherefore remember, that YE BEING in time past Gentiles IN THE FLESH, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 11

B. That at that time YE WERE without Christ, being aliens (or FOREIGNERS) from the commonwealth (or *citizenship*) of Israel, and STRANGERS from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 12

C. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were *far off* are *made nigh* (*access*) by the blood of Christ. FOR HE IS OUR PEACE, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; HAVING ABOLISHED in His flesh THE ENMITY, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for 13-15

D. TO MAKE IN HIMSELF OF TWAIN ONE NEW MAN, SO MAKING PEACE; 15

C. And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, HAVING SLAIN THE ENMITY thereby: AND CAME AND PREACHED PEACE to you which were *afar off*, and to them that were *nigh*. For through Him we both have *access* by one Spirit unto the Father. 16-18

B. Now therefore YE ARE no more STRANGERS and FOREIGNERS, but *fellow-citizens* with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; 19-20

A. In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth into an holy temple in the Lord: in whom YE also ARE builded together for an habitation of God IN THE SPIRIT. (R. V.) 21-22

Peace between man and man—the glorious

The Structure

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A. YE WERE GENTILES IN THE FLESH — The Old Sphere. (V. 11).	B. Being FOREIGNERS and STRANGERS — Alienated from The Earthly CITIZENSHIP — "Without God." (V. 12).	C. BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS FAR OFF MADE NIGH. HE IS OUR PEACE HAVING ABOLISHED THE ENMITY. (V. 13-15).	D. THE DIVINE PURPOSE UNION in CHRIST "ONE NEW MAN." THUS MAKING PEACE. (V. 15).	C. SO NOW IN THE CROSS HAVING SLAIN THE ENMITY. HE PREACHED PEACE TO FAR AND NIGH (V. 16-18).	B. No More STRANGERS and FOREIGNERS — United in The Heavenly CITIZENSHIP — God's Household. (V. 19-20).	A. YE ARE A SANCTUARY IN THE SPIRIT — The New Sphere (V. 21-22).
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RECONCILIATION.
JEW AND GENTILE UNITED "IN CHRIST"
(Ch. 2:11-22).

Issue of Peace between God and man •

NOTES

KEYSTONES of SCRIPTURE

as seen in

The Epistle to the Ephesians

(V)

"For This Cause"

I Preach

The Mystery of
The Eternal Purpose
Revealed Through the Church

Ephesians 3:1-13*

I.	PRAISE FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION	Ch. 1: 1-14
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III.	REGENERATION . . "IN CHRIST"	" 2: 1-10
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The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 3:1-13.

Verses

A. For this cause I Paul, *the prisoner* of Jesus Christ FOR YOU GENTILES, 1

B. If ye have heard of *the dispensation of the grace of God* which is given me to you-ward: how that by revelation HE MADE KNOWN unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 2-4

C. (THE MYSTERY) WHICH IN OTHER AGES was not made known unto the sons of *men,* as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets (*ministers*) by the Spirit; 5

D. That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of THE SAME BODY, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the Gospel: 6

C. Whereof I was made a *minister,* according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make *all men* see what is the fellowship of THE MYSTERY, WHICH FROM ALL AGES (R. V.) hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 7-9

B. To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places MIGHT BE KNOWN by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to *the eternal purpose* which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him. 10-12

A. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at *my tribulations* FOR YOU (GENTILES), which is your glory. 13

• "O the depth of the riches both of

The Structure

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	B.	C.	D.	C.	B.	
A. I ENDURE TRIBULATION "FOR YOU GENTILES" "A PRISONER OF JESUS CHRIST" FOR HIS GLORY. (V. 1)	THE MYSTERY of CHRIST' MADE KNOWN UNTO ME— "Less than the least." THE MYSTERY of "THE CHURCH" (V. 2-4).	THE FACT OF THE MYSTERY UNKNOWN IN OTHER AGES BY THE SONS OF MEN REVEALED BY The Spirit of God (V. 5).	'THE MYSTERY of THE AGES. THE GENTILES FELLOW-HEIRS AND FELLOW-MEMBERS OF THE BODY of CHRIST AND FELLOW-PARTAKERS OF THE PROMISE IN CHRIST BY THE GOSPEL. (V. 6).	THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY MADE KNOWN IN THIS AGE TO THE SONS OF MEN REVEALED BY The Servant of God. (V. 7-9).	"THE WISDOM OF GOD" MADE KNOWN UNTO ALL— "Principalities & Powers" THE PURPOSE of "THE CHURCH" (V. 10-12).	A. I ENDURE "TRIBULATION FOR YOU" GENTILES A PRISONER OF JESUS CHRIST "FOR YOUR GLORY." (V. 13)
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.

"FOR THIS CAUSE"—I PREACH.
THE MYSTERY OF THE ETERNAL PURPOSE
REVEALED THROUGH THE CHURCH.
(Ch. 3:1-13)

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KEYSTONES of SCRIPTURE

• as seen in •

The Epistle to the Ephesians

(VI)

"For This Cause"

I Pray

The Measure of The Eternal Purpose Apprehended by the Believer

Ephesians 3:14-21*

I.		Praise for the Blessings of Redemption	Ch. 1: 1-14
II.		Prayer for the Subjects of Redemption	" 1:15-23
III.		Regeneration . . "In Christ"	" 2: 1-10
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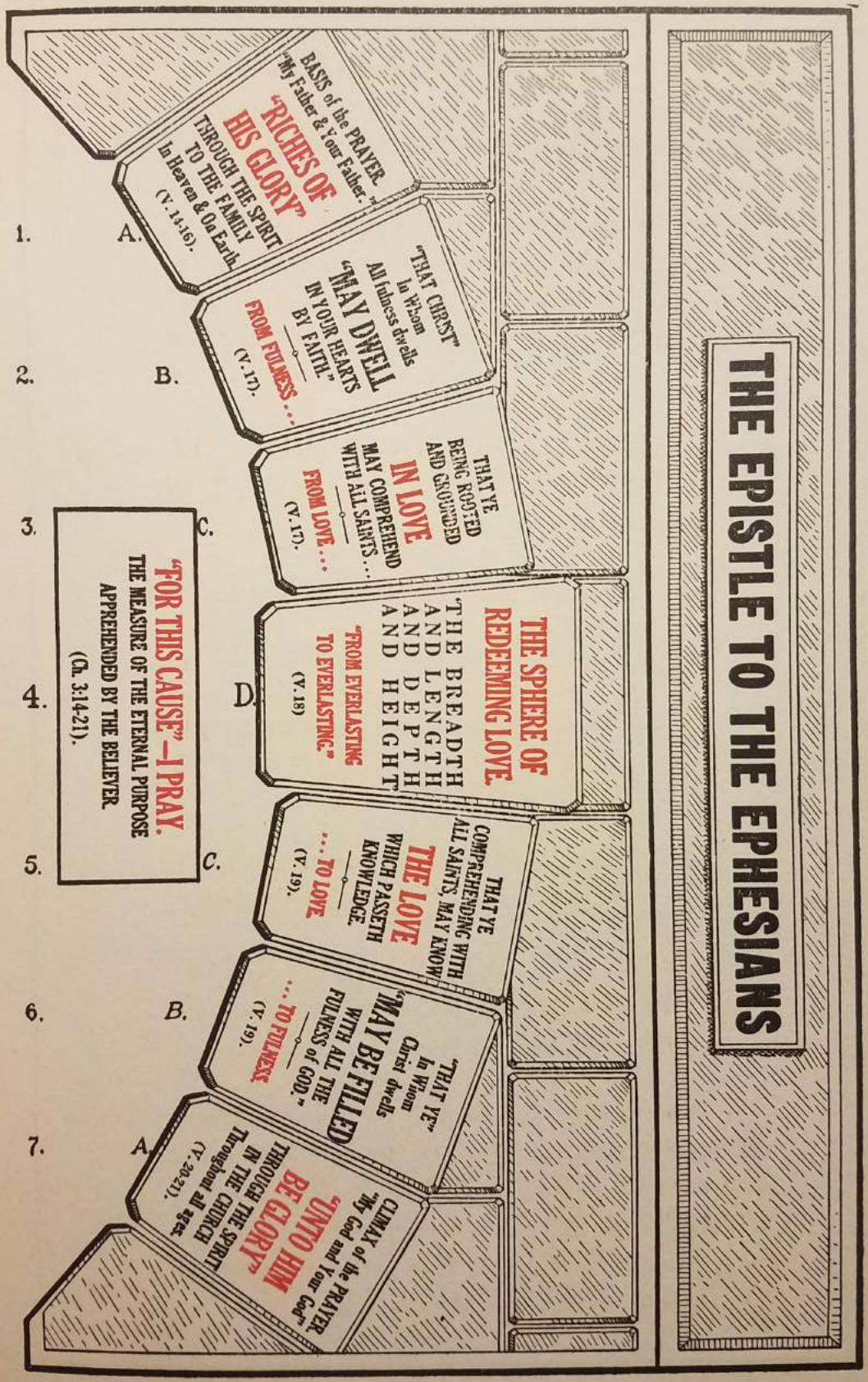
The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 3:14-21.

		Verses
A.	For this cause I bow my knees unto the *Father* of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole *family* in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to *the riches of His glory*, to be strengthened with might by HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN;	14-16
B.	THAT CHRIST (IN WHOM ALL FULNESS DWELLS) *may dwell in your hearts by faith;*	17
C.	*That ye, being rooted and grounded in* LOVE,	17
D.	**May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the BREADTH, AND LENGTH, AND DEPTH, AND HEIGHT; and**	18
C.	(*May be able*) *to know the* LOVE *of Christ, which passeth knowledge,*	19
B.	THAT YE (IN WHOM CHRIST DWELLS) *might be filled with all the fulness of God.*	19
A.	Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US, *unto Him be glory* in the *church* by *Christ Jesus* throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.	20-21

"IN HIM dwelleth all the fulness of the

The Structure



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KEYSTONES of SCRIPTURE

as seen in

The Epistle to the Ephesians

(VII)

The Body

Growing Into "A Perfect Man"
Union of Christ and the Church

Ephesians 4:1-16*

I.	Praise for the Blessings of Redemption	Ch. 1: 1-14
II.	Prayer for the Subjects of Redemption	" 1:15-23
III.	Regeneration . . "In Christ"	" 2: 1-10
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The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 4:1-16.

Verses

A. I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye WALK worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another IN LOVE; 1-2

B. ENDEAVOURING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT in the bond of peace. There is *one body* and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; *one Lord*, one faith, one baptism, *one God and Father* of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. 3-6

C. But unto EVERY ONE *of us is given grace* according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When He re-ascended* on high, He led captivity captive, and *gave gifts* unto men. 7-8

D. **(Now that He re-ascended, what is it but that He also DESCENDED first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ASCENDED UP FAR ABOVE ALL HEAVENS, THAT HE MIGHT FILL ALL THINGS.)** 9-10

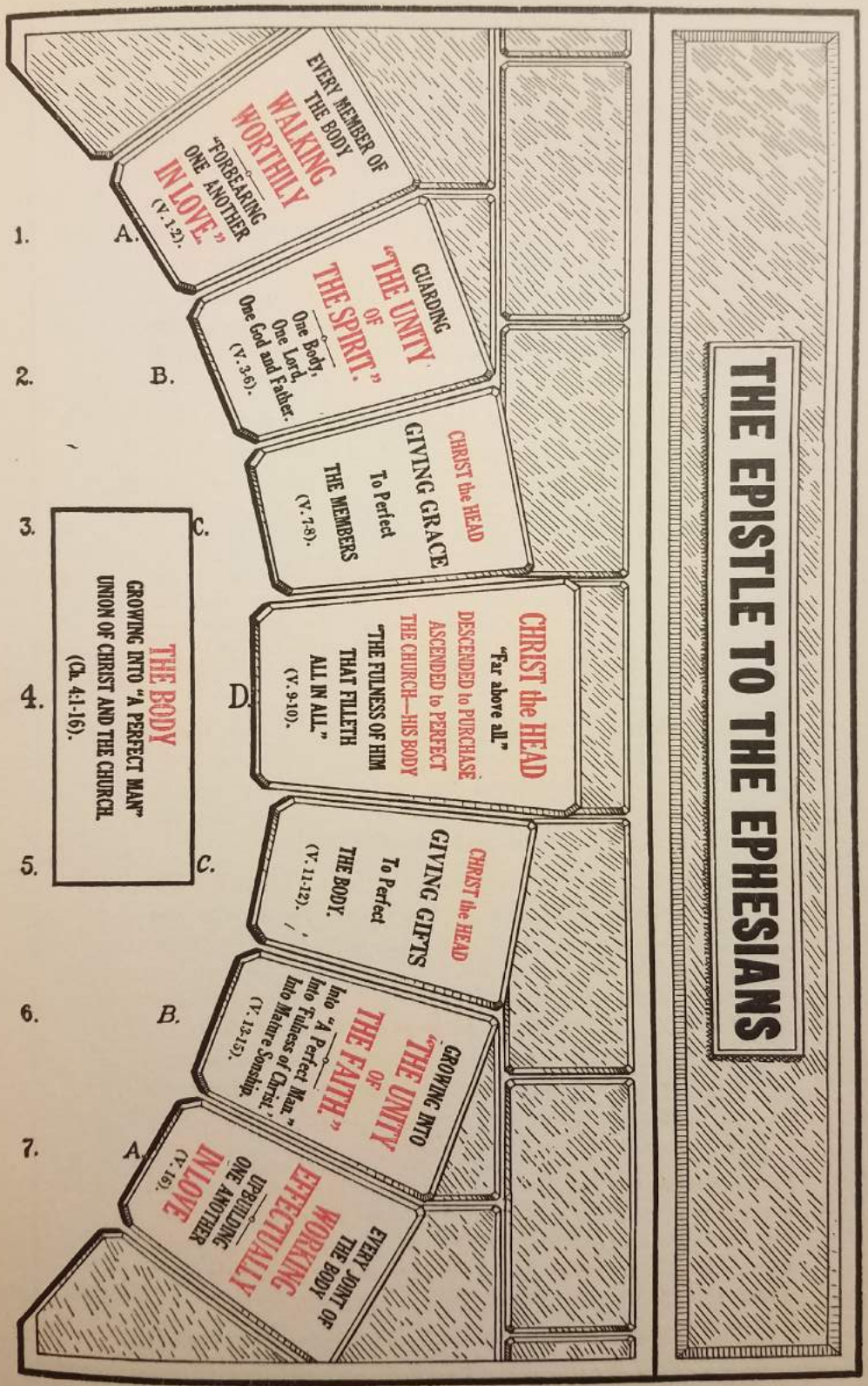
C. And HE GAVE SOME, *apostles; and some, prophets;* and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 11-12

B. TILL WE ALL COME INTO (*eis*) THE UNITY OF THE FAITH, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, *into* (eis) a perfect man, *into* (eis) the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more (Gr.) infants, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up *into Him* (eis) in all things, which is the Head, even Christ: 13-15

A. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual WORKING in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself IN LOVE. 16

*See valuable note to Weymouth's translation of this passage.

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as seen in

The Epistle to the Ephesians

(VIII)

The Believer

Putting on "The New Man"
Union of Christ and the Christian

Ephesians 4:17-32*

I.	Praise for the Blessings of Redemption	Ch. 1: 1-14
II.	Prayer for the Subjects of Redemption	" 1:15-23
III.	Regeneration . . "In Christ"	" 2: 1-10
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The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 4:17-32.

Verses

A. This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth *walk not* AS OTHER GENTILES walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart (HARD-HEARTED) (margin): 17-18

B. Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, TO WORK (Gk. *ergasian*) all uncleanness with greediness (that *which is evil*). 19

C. But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the *truth* is in Jesus:
THAT YE PUT OFF concerning the former conversation THE OLD MAN, WHICH IS CORRUPT according to the deceitful lusts; 20-22

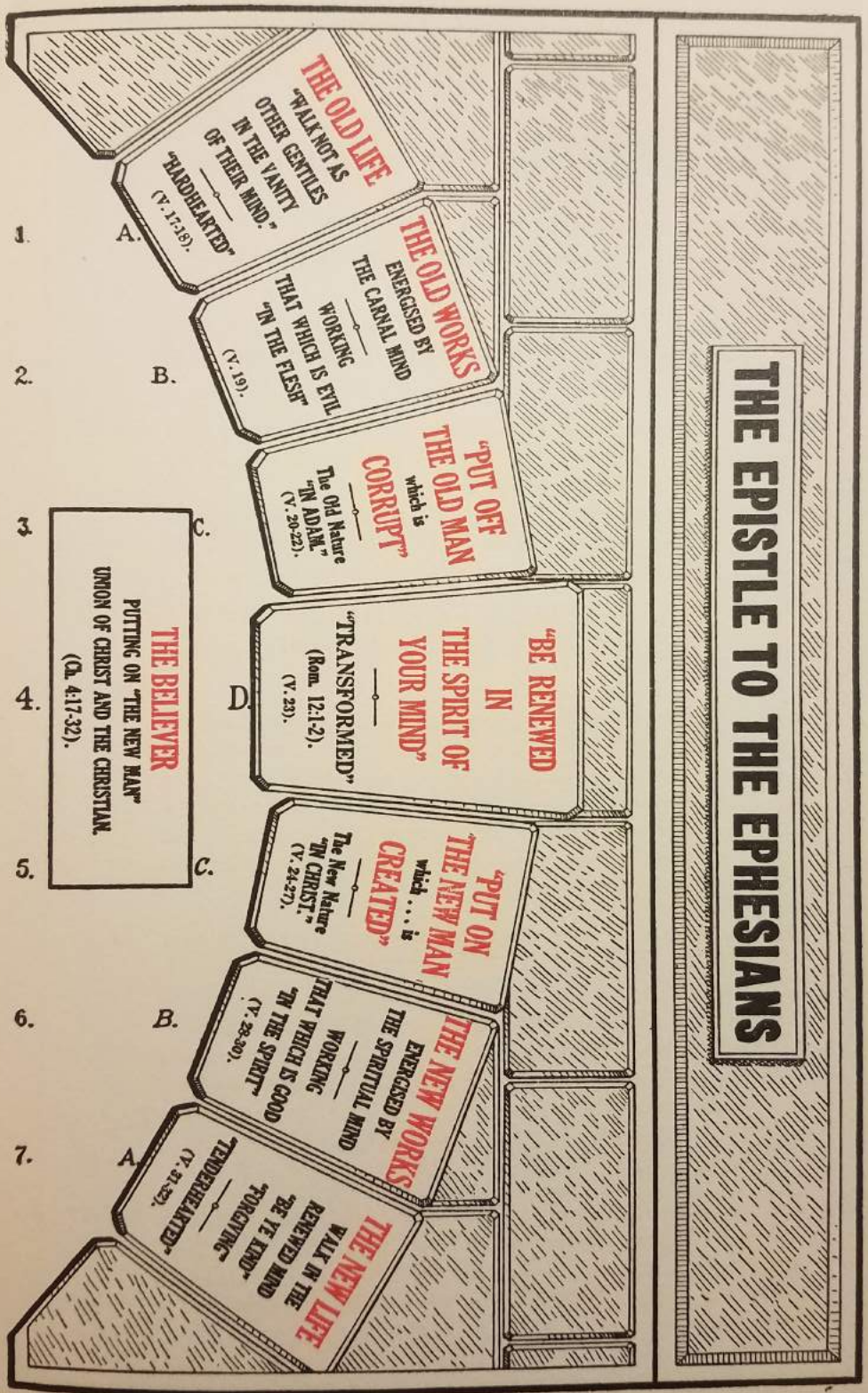
D. AND BE RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND; and 23

C. THAT YE PUT ON
THE NEW MAN, WHICH after God IS CREATED in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man *truth* with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down on your wrath: neither give place to the devil. 24-27

B. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, WORKING (Gk. *ergazomenos*) with his hands the thing *which is good,* that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 28-30

A. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, TENDER-HEARTED, forgiving one another, EVEN AS GOD for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. 31-32

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as seen in

The Epistle to the Ephesians

(IX)

The Christian's Walk
In Light

Shining as Shone Upon
"God is Light"

Ephesians 5:1-21*

I.		Praise for the Blessings of Redemption	Ch. 1: 1-14
II.		Prayer for the Subjects of Redemption	" 1:15-23
III.		Regeneration . . "In Christ"	" 2: 1-10
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The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 5:1-21.

Verses

A. Be ye *therefore* followers of God, as dear children; and WALK in love, AS CHRIST also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. BUT fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness (THE WORK OF THE FLESH), let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, *nor foolish talking*, nor jesting, which are not befitting: but rather *giving of thanks.* 1-4

B. *For* this ye know of a surety (R. V.), that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with empty words: for because of THESE THINGS cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 5-6

C. BE NOT ye therefore PARTAKERS WITH them. For ye were sometimes DARKNESS, but now are ye light in the Lord: 7-8

D. WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth); PROVING WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE UNTO THE LORD. 8-10

C. And HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH the unfruitful works of DARKNESS, but rather reprove them. 11

B. *For* it is a shame even to speak of THOSE THINGS which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved (discovered) are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 12-14

A. Look *therefore* carefully how ye WALK, not as unwise, but AS WISE, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye *not foolish,* but understanding what the will of the Lord is (R. V.). And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; BUT BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; *giving thanks* always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. 15-21

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THE EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
A. THE WALK IN THE SPIRIT and IN THE FLESH CONTRASTED — "Grieve not the Spirit." (V. 1-4).	B. WARNING ESCAPE "THE WRATH OF GOD!" — "THE WAGES." (V. 5-6).	C. BE NOT PARTAKERS WITH THE WORKERS OF DARKNESS. WARN THEM. (V. 7-8).	D. "WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT" Bearing "THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT." (V. 8-10).	C. HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE WORKS OF DARKNESS. REPROVE THEM. (V. 11).	B. ENTREATY AWAKE TO LIGHT IN CHRIST! — "THE GIFT." (V. 12-14).	A. THE WALK IN THE FLESH and IN THE SPIRIT CONTRASTED — "Be filled with the Spirit." (V. 15-21).

THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK IN LIGHT
SHINING AS SHONE UPON
"GOD IS LIGHT."
(Ch. 5:1-21).

Radiated by the sun. "Arise and shine!"

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KEYSTONES of SCRIPTURE

• as seen in •

The Epistle to the Ephesians

(X)

The Christian's Walk

In Love

Loving as Loved
"God is Love"

Ephesians 5:22-33*

I.	Praise for the Blessings of Redemption	Ch. 1: 1-14
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The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 5:22-33.

Verses

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is . . . submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

A. WIVES, SUBMIT YOURSELVES UNTO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS, as unto the Lord. FOR THE HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE, EVEN AS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH: and He is the Saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 22-24

B. HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, EVEN AS CHRIST also loved THE CHURCH, and gave Himself for it; 25

C. *That He might* SANCTIFY *and* CLEANSE *it* with the washing of water by the Word, 26

D. That He might present it to Himself A GLORIOUS CHURCH, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but 27

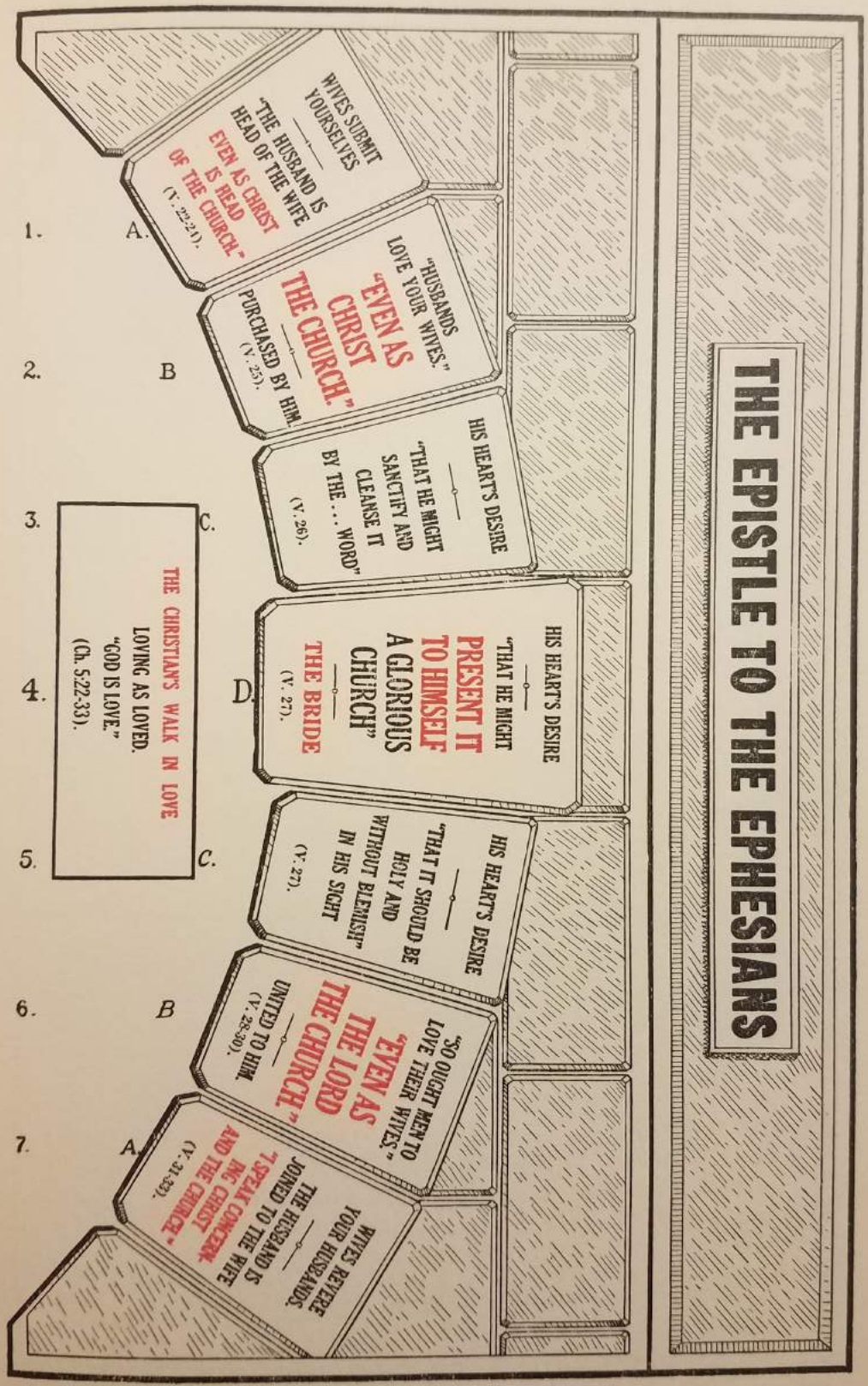
C. *That it should be* HOLY *and* WITHOUT BLEMISH. 27

B. EVEN SO OUGHT HUSBANDS (R. V.) TO LOVE THEIR WIVES as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, EVEN AS THE LORD THE CHURCH: for we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. 28-30

A. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and (A MAN) SHALL BE JOINED UNTO HIS WIFE, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I SPEAK CONCERNING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the WIFE SEE THAT SHE REVERENCE HER HUSBAND. 31-33

• "A Book ending with a Marriage"—such is

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NOTES

KEYSTONES of SCRIPTURE

as seen in

The Epistle to the Ephesians

(XI)

The Walk

In the World

Actual and Spiritual Relationships

Ephesians 6:1-11*

I.	PRAISE FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION	Ch. 1: 1-14
II.	PRAYER FOR THE SUBJECTS OF REDEMPTION	" 1:15-23
III.	REGENERATION . . "IN CHRIST"	" 2: 1-10
IV.	RECONCILIATION . . "IN CHRIST"	" 2:11-22
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The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 6:1-11.

Verses

A. CHILDREN, OBEY your parents IN THE LORD: 1-3
for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

B. AND, YE FATHERS, *provoke not* your children to 4
wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

C. SERVANTS, be obedient to them that are your 5-6
masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, AS UNTO CHRIST; NOT with eyeservice, AS MENPLEASERS, but as the servants of Christ.

D. DOING THE WILL OF GOD FROM 6
THE HEART;

C. With good will doing SERVICE, AS TO THE 7-8
LORD, AND NOT TO MEN: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

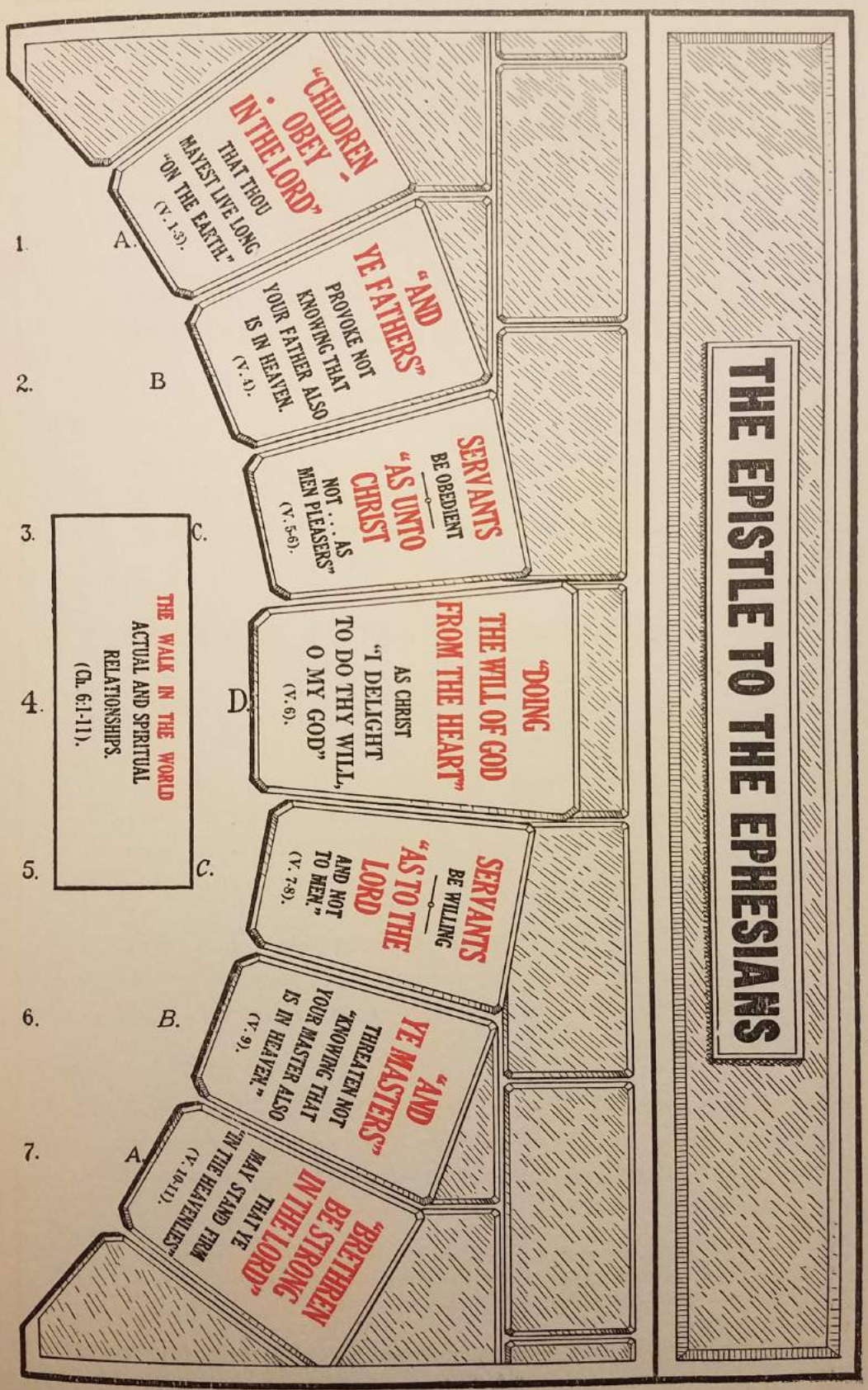
B. AND, YE MASTERS, do the same things unto them, 9
forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with Him.

A. Finally, my BRETHREN, BE STRONG IN THE LORD; 10-11
and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

(It would appear that the whole of the final paragraph grows out of this concluding exhortation to the brethren. It is for this reason that it is repeated on the following page).

• It is only when self is dethroned,

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KEYSTONES of SCRIPTURE

as seen in

The Epistle to the Ephesians

(XII)

The Warfare

In the Heavenlies

Actual and Spiritual Weapons

Ephesians 6:10-24*

I.	PRAISE FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION	Ch.	1: 1-14
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The Scripture

Ephesians Ch. 6:10-24.

Verses

A. FINAL EXHORTATION TO THE BRETHREN—STRENGTH IN THE STRIFE: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." 10-11

B. WRESTLING IN PRAYER AGAINST SATAN'S EMISSARIES. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high (or heavenly) places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." 12-13

C. THE ARMOUR. "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 14-15

D. ABOVE ALL, TAKING THE SHIELD OF FAITH, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." **16**

C. THE ARMOUR. "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit," 17-18

B. WATCHING IN PRAYER ON BEHALF OF GOD'S AMBASSADOR. "And watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." 18-20

A. FINAL SALUTATION TO THE BRETHREN—COMFORT IN THE CONFLICT. "But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known unto you all things: whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts. 21-24

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen."

• "The Weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but

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A. FINAL EXHORTATION TO THE BRETHREN
STRENGTH IN THE STRIFE
(V. 10-11).

B WRESTLING IN PRAYER
AGAINST SATAN'S EMISSARIES
The Powers of darkness.
(V 12-13).

C. "THE ARMOUR OF LIGHT."
"THE GIRDLE" The Spirit of Truth
"THE BREASTPLATE" Righteousness of God
"THE SHOES" Gospel of Christ.
(V. 14-15).

D. "ABOVE ALL TAKING THE SHIELD of FAITH"
TO QUENCH ALL THE FIERY DARTS OF THE WICKED ONE.
(V. 16).

C. "THE ARMOUR OF LIGHT."
"THE HELMET" Christ our Salvation.
"THE SWORD" The Word of God.
"ALL PRAYER" In the Spirit.
(V. 17-18).

B. WATCHING IN PRAYER
ON BEHALF OF GOD'S AMBASSADOR
The Messenger of Light.
(V. 18-20).

A. FINAL SALUTATION TO THE BRETHREN
COMFORT IN THE CONFLICT
(V. 21-24).

THE WARFARE IN THE HEAVENLIES
ACTUAL AND SPIRITUAL
WEAPONS.
(Ch. 6: 10-24).

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The Epistle of Grace and Glory

GLORY TO GOD

Conclusion of the Doctrinal Section
Chapters 1-3

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

GRACE FOR MAN

Conclusion of the Practical Section
Chapters 4-6

"Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen."

CONCLUSION

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